IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Examiner: Tuan V. Nguyen
Thomas Weisel	Group Art Unit: 3731
Serial No.: 10/803,406	Confirmation No.: 5563
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For: EXPANDABLE NEEDLE SUTURE APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED HANDLE ASSEMBLY	February 1, 2010 Irvine, California

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 31, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.